

Dhaka Day by Day

Mind - boggling Drawings

by Fayza Haq.

Iftakhar Ahmed, who recently held an exhibition of his drawings at La Galerie, says about his work. There is a basic theme behind the drawings...

Behind the main image in green in 'Lost' is a hand coming out of a window. All around are elements of evil that present people from obtaining their objectives...

The artist draws on subconscious memories - dreams and experience - that do not always make complete sense as in 'Animus' which defies the female gender...



snake, cock and fish are symbols. The various figures that surround the woman all relate to it. It is more than a drawing with a sense of colours and a search for harmony in colours and lines...

delineate the sense of euphoria that one might get standing before a huge ocean. The splash stands for some experience that is unforgettable.

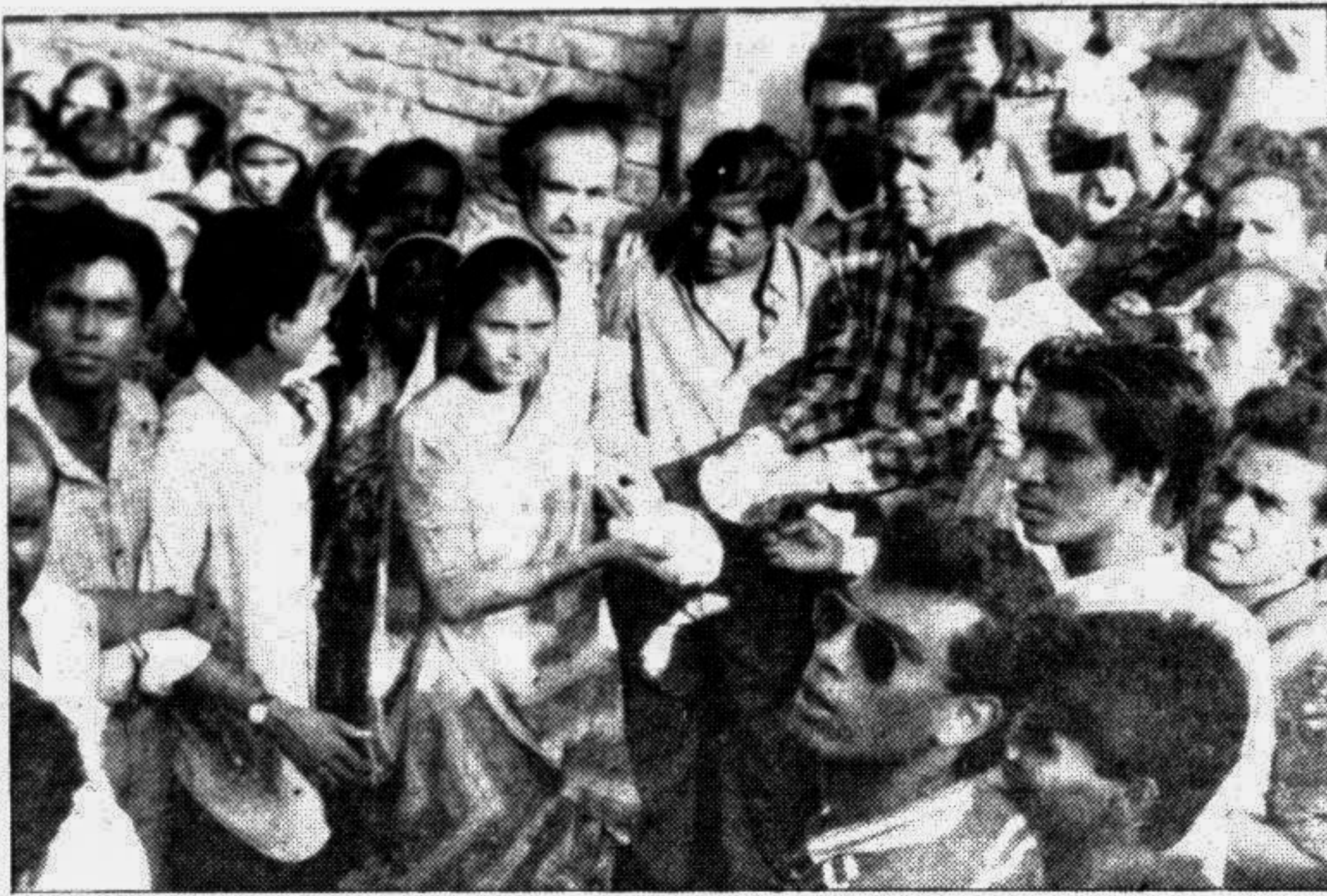
'Part' is based on the artist's experience in the USA. The woman is sensuous and her jewellery and clothes are uncommon. Iftakhar has sought for the unusual again in 'Persona Grata'...

'Prismatic ceremony' creates prism shaped imaginary buildings with open spaces with nature lending the environment. 'Patriarchy' shows a man in a regal dress along with other powerful male images...

'Low-cost-high-rise' depicts how people live in half constructed empty houses. These are huge buildings to be seen in the city, which remain incomplete due to financial and political reasons...

'Transformation' is again a satirical depiction of a developing place like Dhaka where a modern house will suddenly come up with old architecture in the form of temples, around it. 'Spanish Holiday' is a straight forward imaginary representation of Terremolinos...

Explaining his works, Iftakhar says, 'The bizarre drawings are to free myself and the viewers of limited ways of seeing or feeling.'



DCC Mayor and president of the Bangladesh Awami League, city unit distributing relief to the flood victims in the city's Madhubagh area yesterday. Mofazzal Hossain Maya, general secretary of the unit, is also seen.

JU freshers likely to miss one academic year

By JU Correspondent

The students awaiting admission to the Jahangirnagar University will miss an academic year due to the existing session jam.

The first year students of the same session of the Dhaka University and some other universities in the country have already started their classes.

But the students who passed the Higher Secondary Examination (HSC) last year are yet to be admitted to the university.

The admission seekers at JU have only completed their written tests last month.

The results are likely to be published in mid-August.

After the results are announced, the students will be asked to appear at the viva voce.

The viva will carry no marks and it will be arranged only to examine the certificates of the students.

Publication of the final lists of the successful candidates will take about one month and therefore all admission formalities will not be completed before the first

half of September, officials said.

In view of these schedules, the classes for the first year honours students likely in November, sources added.

The classes of the 1993-94 session began on December 3 last year.

As per rules, all JU students must reside in the dormitories as the university is a residential one.

The JU enrolls students against its vacant seats in the dormitories.

But, the freshers will have to face acute problems to get seats in the halls in November as the masters degrees students will be occupying their seats till their final examinations are over.

Once reputed as the session jam-free university, the JU is now behind the academic session by two years.

Complicated and out dated admission procedure, faulty examination system, teachers' reluctance in taking classes are seen as the main causes behind the session jam.

Mayor visits flooded areas

Mayor of Dhaka City Corporation Mohammad Hanif yesterday visited some flood affected areas in the capital, reports UNB.

During his visit in Basabo, Sabujbagh, Baganbari, Madartek, Nandipara, Dakkhingao, Manikdee and Shekerjaiga under ward number 27, the Mayor distributed saree, lungi and dry food among the flood victims.

Hanif urged the flood victims to face the situation with courage and patience. He also drew attention of the concerned authorities to involve the ward commissioners in relief operation.

Ward commissioners Rahman Ali, Mosharrif Hossain Monju and Enamul Haq accompanied the Mayor during the visit.

On Sunday, the Mayor reviewed the latest flood situation with the high officials of the corporation at an emergency meeting at Nagar Bhaban.

He asked the officials to gear up the health care activities and supply of pure drinking water, water purification tablets and OR saline in the flood shelters.

The City Corporation distributed 80,000 water purification tablets and 70 thousand OR saline among the flood victims till yesterday.

20 medical teams are also working round the clock in the flood shelters, said a City Corporation press release.

Sarwari visits

General secretary of Bangladesh Jatiyatabadi Mohila Dal and State Minister for Women and Children Affairs Begum Sarwari Rahman yesterday distributed relief materials to the flood affected people of Charak Ghata area under Dhanmanti thana in the city, reports BSS.

Eugene Ballet delights city audience

By Staff Correspondent

A visiting American dance group, the Eugene Ballet Company made their debut in the city yesterday.

The distinguished professional dance company from Oregon, USA, delighted a

jam packed auditorium at the Osmani Memorial Hall with a presentation of their signature piece 'Children of the Raven' - a dance based on legends of the native people of the Pacific Northwest coast.

Last night's performance included three other short programmes - Columbia Aspect, Common Ground and Sticks of It - which blended the best of contemporary modern American dance with that of classical ballet traditions.

The group, who are currently on a tour of Asia, will give another performance this evening at the same venue.

This part of their tour is being sponsored by the USIS and the American-Bangladesh Economic Forum.

Tree plantation ceremony held

KHULNA, July 24: The students, teachers and employees of Khulna university today observed a tree plantation programme on the campus, reports BSS.

Chairman, Bangladesh Public Service Commission Dr S M A Fayez formally opened the programme in a simple ceremony.

Speaking on the occasion, the PSC Chairman said that forestry and wood technology discipline of the university would help strengthen the tree plantation drive.

In his speech, Khulna University Vice-Chancellor Prof Muhammad Golam Ali Fakir said that tree plantation has been turned into a social movement under the present government.

Digital phone bills to be paid by July 29

Digital telephone bills for the month of July of the greater Dhaka can be paid by July 29 at the specified branches of Agrani, Krishi, Rupali, City Bank Ltd and Janata Bank, reports UNB.

The bills were mailed to the subscribers on July 10. The subscribers, who are yet to receive their bills, have been advised to collect the duplicate copies from the respective telephone revenue accounts offices to make payment by due date, said an official handout.

Egyptian envoy hosts reception

The out-going Ambassador of Egypt M Kamal Miligy held a reception on the occasion of Egyptian national day at his Gulshan residence in the city Sunday evening, reports BSS.

The reception was attended by State Minister for Planning Dr A Moeen Khan, State Minister for Textile M A Mannan, Awami League leaders Abdus Samad Azad and Tofael Ahmed, Janata Dal chief K M Obaidur Rahman, Diplomats and elite of the city.

GF condemns RU violence

By Staff Correspondent

Gano Forum, at the meeting of its standing committee yesterday, condemned the recent terrorism in Rajshahi University and demanded the taking of those responsible to task.

Chaired by party president member Begum Nurjahan Morshed, the meeting resolved that the fundamentalist forces were unleashing this terrorism, taking advantage of the government's compromising and flexible attitude towards them.

Leasing out of WASA zones condemned

By Staff Correspondent

A section of WASA officers and other employees decided to launch a campaign against the government move to lease out some activities of two WASA zones.

A joint meeting of different bodies of WASA employees was held yesterday under the banner of Dhaka WASA Karmakarta-Karmachari Oikya Parishad at Lalmatia in the city. Parishad convenor Abdul Hamid presided.

The meeting resolved to hold gate meetings at different regional offices everyday from today to August 6, as the preliminary programme of the movement.

A general meeting would also be held at August 7 to plan its next course, says a press release.

Intending Hajjis asked to deposit house rent

The government will hire houses in Makkah in advance to solve accommodation problem in the only city during the Hajj season, an official handout said in Dhaka yesterday, reports BSS.

Persons intending to perform Hajj next year under the government management and desirous to stay at government hired houses in Makkah, have been advised to deposit 1500 Saudi riyal (equivalent to Tk 16,000) to any scheduled commercial bank postively by November 30.

The amount of house rent might be a little high or less as the present assessment is based on guess work. However, the deposited house rent money would be adjusted with the overall Hajj expenditure to be decided later.

Those who performed Hajj this year paid Tk 83,815 and the expenditure next year is likely to be the same or a little higher than this year.

The number of houses to be hired in Makkah will be decided only on the basis of the advance house rent deposited by the intending Hajjis. Therefore, the government will hire houses in Makkah only for those who will deposit rents in advance. Others should perform Hajj as done in the previous years by collecting visa by themselves from the Saudi Arabian embassy in Bangladesh.

Meanwhile, the intending women Hajj pilgrims desirous to stay in the government hired accommodation have been advised to deposit the advance house rent money to their legal maharries as per Shariah law.

Advertisement for 'Prapatti' (প্রপাটি) featuring a woman's face and text about a social service program.

Advertisement for 'Grameen Trust' (গ্রামীন ট্রাস্ট) seeking research proposals for poverty alleviation.



Recipients of Desbandu Chittaranjan Das Gold Medal are seen with the Commerce and Information Minister M Shamsul Islam (sitting, 3rd right) at a ceremony at a local hotel recently.

Advertisement for 'Sonal Bank' (সোনালী ব্যাংক) featuring a list of services and a table of interest rates.

Large advertisement for 'Nestle Nespray' (নেসপ্রাই) powdered milk, highlighting a 50g free offer and limited stock.